

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 1988 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin,
P. Fazio, G. Johns, P. Lightbown, B. MacKay,
C. Ross, M.N.S. Swamy, M. Szabo, A. J.
Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

J. Bardis, P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M. Wilkins

Guests:

M. Cohen, A. Mate (Library)

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-88-01-21-D36	GUIDELINES FOR SENATE EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES
SRC-87-11-05-D30	COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (REVISED 1988.01.06)
SRC-88-01-21-D37	RESEARCH EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATING FUNDS

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Albert, Boivin) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 3 December 1987 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Research Expenditures from Operating Funds (document SRC-88-01-21-D37)

- 2.1 The above document was circulated for members' information. The Chair stated that it represents a first approximation of the manner in which research is funded through the operating budget.
- 2.2 Although the document requires no action, it will be discussed at the next Senate Research Committee meeting.

B. Computer Resources Committee - Five-year Strategic Development Plan (document SRC-87-11-05-D30 revised)

- 2.1 The Chair mentioned that the Computer Resources Committee would like to receive comments regarding the above revised document by 15 April 1988.
- 2.2 It was agreed that a preliminary discussion would take place at the next meeting.

C. Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 2.1 Ms. Williams informed the Committee that Mr. John Leyerle will be SSHRC's interim President until April 1988.
- 2.2 An announcement was made that Professor Habashi was awarded a Steacie Fellowship. This was the first such award for Concordia.
- 2.3 Ms. Williams announced that Concordia has received two SSHRC Canada Research Fellows awards. They are to Peter Keating and Margaret Mendell.
- 2.4 The signing ceremony for the UQAM-R&D-Concordia document will be held 5 February 1988.

III. GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES
(Supported by Document SRC-88-01-21-D36)

- 3.1 The Chair stated that the Guidelines document consisted of two parts: the introductory statements and a series of substantive resolutions for Senate.
- 3.2 The document was discussed at length and the following revisions will be made:
 - a) Paragraph three of the Introduction will be rewritten to include the consequences of recognition.
 - b) The role of Faculty Councils will be discussed in Section III.
 - c) Item V will be edited.
Sections I and II will remain unchanged.
- 3.3 The revised document will be discussed with the Centre's Directors at an upcoming meeting in February, and returned to the Senate Research Committee.

IV. MARTIN COHEN AND ALBERT MATE (LIBRARY)

- 4.1 Mr. Mate discussed scholarly communication and the methods which will be implemented in the future. He mentioned that the library's major goal is to establish an electronic system.
- 4.2 The mechanism by which the new library allocation formula supports research was discussed by Dr. Cohen.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 The next meeting of the Senate Research Committee will be held 11 February 1988 and all subsequent meetings will take place on the first Thursday of every month.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.